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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The drawings were received on Amy 17, 2004. These drawings, sheets 3 and 5, are acceptable.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1, 3-5, 9-11, 13, 14 and 17-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fey, et al. in view of Nishimoto. The bicycle electrical control of Fey comprises control units, electrical signals and an electrical cord 22 substantially as claimed. It lacks detachable connectors, since there is no indication of how the cord is attached to the units. However, Nishimoto teaches the use of a first connecting terminal 14 at one end of the cord 36a and a second connecting terminal 15 on a control unit 32. This connection fills a gap in the system of Fey and enables individual replacement of the various parts, instead of the entire system, when necessary. For this reason, it would have been obvious to use the detachable connection taught by Nishimoto on the cords of Fey. It is noted that the terminal 14 of Nishimoto "normally is attached and detached from the second connecting terminal independently of any other connecting terminals" as now claimed. As shown, the terminal of Nishimoto is independent of any other terminals that may be attached to the cord.
In regard to claim 26, it is noted that the first connecting terminal 14 is connected to an individual wire 37. The claim language does not preclude the existence of other unclaimed structure in the reference device.
4. Claims 2, 6-8, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fey and Nishimoto as applied to claims 1 and 3-5 above, and further in view of Roberts. The device of Fey transmits control signals, but fails to specify a power source for the device, although it is clearly needed.

However, Roberts is an example of the well-known use of a dynamo on a bicycle to supply power and, hence, signals to electrical devices thereon. Such an arrangement allows the user to supply the needed power and would, therefore, have been an obvious source of power on the bicycle electrical control of Fey.

5. Claim 12 remains objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. It is suggested that responses to this final action be faxed to:

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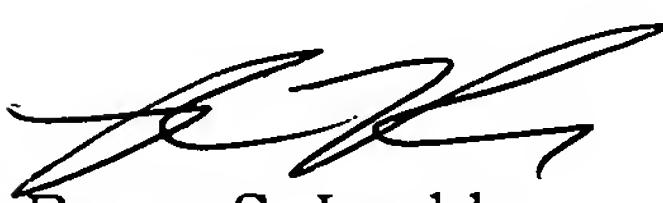
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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke at (571) 272-2009. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (571) 272-2800, extension 33.



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